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SUBJ: SUGGESTION FOR USG STATEMENT ON TRADE LAW

REF: CARACAS 0137, 0119, 0092 & 0015

1. THE VERY SHARP REACTION HERE AGAINST THE U.S. TRADE LAW'S EXCLUSION OF VENEZUELA FROM THE BENEFITS OF GSP, REPORTED REFTELS, HAS ALREADY PROVOKED RETALIATION AGAINST THE U.S., IN THE FORM OF THE GOV EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ECUADOR IN LATTER'S ANNOUNCED DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING MFN IN BUENOS AIRES (CARACAS 0137 & 0119). GIVEN THE NATIONALISTIC PASSIONS WHICH THE "DISCRIMINATORY" FEATURES OF THE TRADE LAW HAVE AROUSED HERE, WE ANTICIPATE THAT FURTHER SERIOUS RETALIATORY ACTIONS AGAINST THE U.S. BY VENEZUELA ARE PROBABLY IN STORE.

2. WITH FULL AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN WASHINGTON, WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT A HIGH-LEVEL USG SPOKESMAN PROMPTLY BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SOME KIND OF CONCILIATORY STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE TRADE LAW'S EFFECTS ON LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF OPEC. SUCH A POSITIVE ACTION, WE BELIEVE, WOULD HELP MITIGATE FURTHER DAMAGE TO U.S. INTERESTS IN VENEZUELA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE IN THE HEMISPHERE.

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